

Shoji, Kerry

From: Eliz Weinberg <unasf_ew@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 10:11 PM
To: Shoji, Kerry
Cc: Eliz Weinberg
Subject: RE: Lead Based Paint Tip and Complaint (757 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA)

September 24, 2019

To: Kerry L. Shoji, Senior Environmental Employment

Hello Kerry-

Below are the answers to your questions:

1. The renovation work was done by several companies hired by the landlord. Reliance Construction and Essa's Construction, different than the maintenance worker who we believe was fired after the scraping.
2. The landlord (manager & owner) and his attorney told us the unit was safe to reoccupy. In a Rent Board mediation we had signed an agreement that the landlord would perform a final clearance test, but this was not done.
3. Yes, we have the report, which based on the results, indicates lead remains
4. SF DBI closed their case file in mid-February 2018. Work and final lead testing were still going on. Due to our dilemma, I recontacted them for help on several occasions. They assisted with follow up calls, but stated that they do not perform clearance testing and our lead contamination issue was a civil matter.

Thank you,

Elizabeth & Sidney

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On Tue, Sep 24, 2019 at 3:29 PM, Shoji, Kerry
<shoji.kerry@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Elizabeth & Sidney,

A few more questions:

1. Do you know who did the renovation work (for the correction of SF-DBI violations)? Was it the same maintenance worker who did the original dry scraping of the ceiling or a contractor the owner hired (if you know)?

2. Who told you the unit was safe to reoccupy?
3. Did you receive a copy of the state-certified company's report results? How do you know the report indicated lead dust remains?
4. Did SF-DBI follow-up with you? If not, did you reinitiate contact with them following the violation correction work?

--Kerry

From: Eliz Weinberg <unasf_ew@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 9:35 AM
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To: Kerry L. Shoji, Senior Environmental Employment

Dear Ms. Shoji,

We filed a complaint with Department of Building Inspection in October 2017 after the landlord refused to fully abate the area and contents.

We have been displaced since November 2017, when we were instructed by the landlord to evacuate the unit five days for the correction of DBI violations, including further lead work.

At the end of February 2018, still displaced, we were told work was done and the unit safe to reoccupy, with no final lead clearance test.

In May 2018, a state-certified company reported that lead dust remains. No further work has been done to restore the unit to be safe and habitable.

We greatly appreciate your assistance.

Elizabeth and Sidney

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On Fri, Sep 20, 2019 at 4:28 PM, Shoji, Kerry
<shoji.kerry@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Elizabeth,

Thank you for your quick response. I will be out of the office on Monday, but will work on this matter on Tuesday.

How long have you been living with friends? Since 5/16/2017 (when you state the work started)?
--Kerry

From: Eliz Weinberg <unasf_ew@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 3:55 PM

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To: Kerry L. Shoji, Senior Environmental Employment

Dear Ms. Shoji,

Thank you for your response.

Below are answers to your questions:

1. We think he was an employee. He regularly worked for the landlord.
2. Not applicable as far as we know.
3. No.
4. No.
5. No.
6. No.
7. Yes, and we filed a complaint with Department of Building Inspection.
8. The property manager Mr. Ghandi was not responsive, and does not believe there is a problem despite our report which indicates lead dust remains. He will not hire a licensed company to clean our unit or our property. We believe he is doing this because he wants us to move out of our apartment which is rent controlled so he can get another tenant in the unit at much higher rent. As a result, we are essentially displaced paying our rent but unable to actually live in our unit. We have relied on our resources and the kindness of friends to manage during this very difficult time for our family. All we want our landlord to do is properly clean the unit and clean our property so we can move back into the unit. It is a shame that he is treating us in this manner. We are desperate at this point to get back into our unit as our resources are drained.

Thank you,

Elizabeth and Sidney

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On Fri, Sep 20, 2019 at 10:08 AM, Shoji, Kerry
<shoji.kerry@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Elizabeth and Sidney,

I'm in receipt of your tip and complaint about repair/renovation work done in your apartment. I have some questions for you:

1. Do you know if the worker sent by the property owner was an employee of 757 Sutter St. Corporation or a contractor hired to do renovation/repair work?
2. If he was a contractor, do you know the name of his company?
3. Before or at the time you signed the lease/ rental contract for your apartment, were you given an EPA-approved information pamphlet on identifying and controlling lead-based paint hazards, Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home?
4. Before or at the time you signed the lease/ rental contract for your apartment, were you given any known information concerning the presence of lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards in the home or building?
5. At the time you signed the lease/ rental contract for your apartment, were you given attachment to the contract, or language inserted in the contract, that includes a "Lead Warning Statement" and confirms that the landlord has complied with all notification requirements?
6. Is your lease/ rental contract for less than 100 days?
7. Have you contacted any other governmental agency about the apartment (for example, San Francisco Dept. of Building Inspection or Code Enforcement, San Francisco County Public Health Department)?
8. Did you contact Mr. Ghandi about your concerns? How did he respond?

--Kerry

Kerry L. Shoji

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